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MEMORANDUM FOR:

[REDACTED]
Director, National Security
Agency

SUBJECT : Proposal for Joint Study Group to
Review Status of Egyptian SAM
Activity

1. In our recent efforts to produce coordinated finished intelligence on SAM activity within the Egyptian standstill zone, we have encountered problems resulting from the fact that differing criteria are being used to report on the occupancy and operational status of SAM sites. These differences not only complicate the coordination process but also create confusion for those who receive inconsistent figures from several sources.

2. To clarify this situation, I propose a joint undertaking--to be called Task Force [REDACTED]--be started to work out basic criteria, establish agreed community figures, and report as new information is received. Membership would include representatives from CIA, DIA, State, and NSA. The efforts of such a group could satisfy a number of standing requirements from the NSC Staff and elsewhere for data on this subject. [REDACTED] of the Office of Strategic Research is prepared to chair Task Force Samsite.

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3. If you concur in this proposal, please notify [REDACTED] of the names of your representatives for the first meeting, to be held in the DDI Conference Room, CIA Headquarters, at 1400 hours, Monday, 19 October 1970.

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R. J. SMITH
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence *RS*

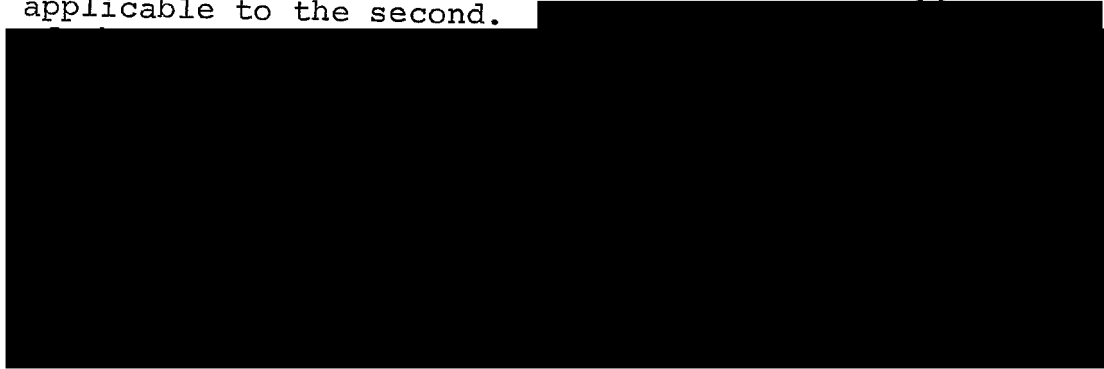
SUBJECT : Requirement for Interagency Study
Group on Status of SAM Sites in
Egypt

1. In our recent efforts to produce coordinated, finished intelligence on the status of SAM activity within the Egyptian standstill zone, we have encountered problems resulting from the fact that differing criteria are being used in reporting the occupancy and operational status of the SAM sites. OSR, together with IAS, has developed one set of criteria, but DIA uses another. We also find that State is levying its own requirements on NPIC for reporting the status of SAM sites. The result is confusion, both for those in the intelligence community who try to coordinate their findings and for the users of the intelligence who are receiving inconsistent figures.

2. A related problem is the fact that information on SAM sites and their status is used for two different purposes. One purpose is to arrive at a judgment about the number and types of operational SAM units in the zone, and the capabilities of the air defense system. The other is to determine, primarily for the State Department, activity which violates the standstill agreement. The kind of criteria and analysis used for the first are not applicable to the second.

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3. To reduce the confusion that now exists and produce coordinated intelligence, the Intelligence community must establish common "ground rules" on this subject. The objective could be achieved by an inter-agency group involving CIA, DIA, State, and NSA which would establish basic criteria for analyzing the SAM situation and arrive at agreed baseline figures. Once this was accomplished, the group could continue its work to insure that these criteria were applied as new information was received. In addition, the group could be the focal point for requests from the White House and elsewhere for data and judgments on SAM developments in Egypt. CIA should chair such a group and [REDACTED] is the man for the job.

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4. With your signature (or General Cushman's, if you deem advisable) on the attached memorandums, we can set this in motion.

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[REDACTED]
BRUCE C. CLARKE, Jr.
Director
Strategic Research

Attachments:

Ltrs for Mr. Smith
to sign.

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